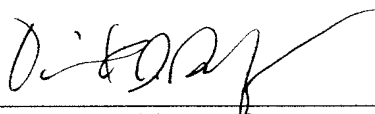


REMARKS

By the above actions, claims 16, 22, & 32 have been amended in the manner recommended by the Examiner. In view of the fact that the only impediments to approval of this application were the formal matters raised by the Examiner, this application should now be in condition for allowance and action to that effect is hereby requested.

However, while it is believed that this application should now be in condition for allowance, in the event that any issues should remain, or any new issues arise, after consideration of this response which could be addressed through discussions with the undersigned, then the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for the purpose of resolving any such issue and thereby facilitating prompt approval of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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